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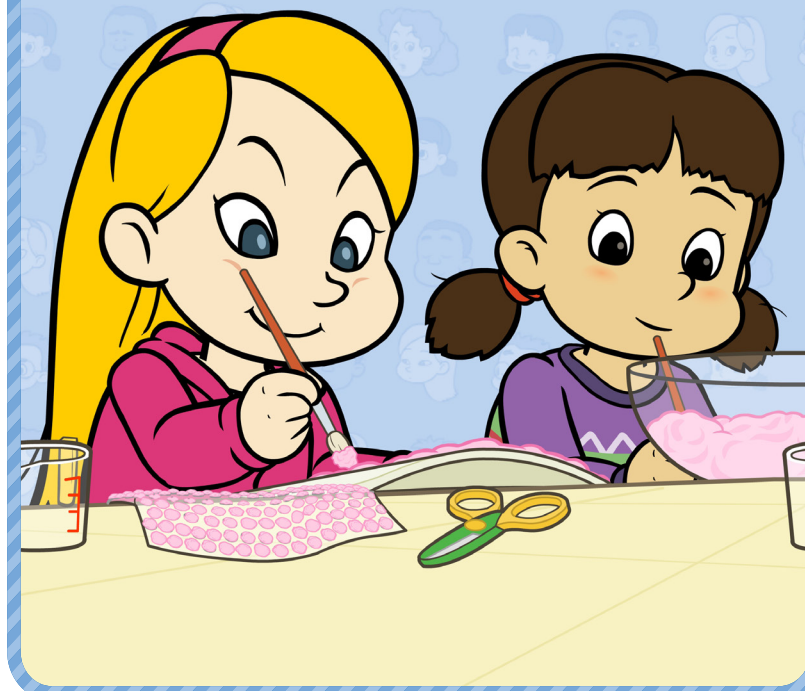


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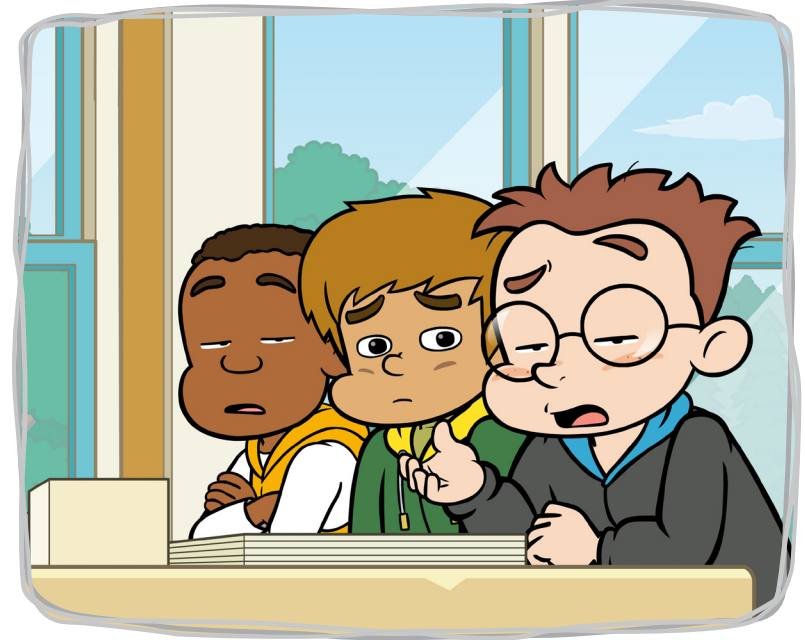


Izzie and Nina burst into Kids Central.  
“Guess what, Miss Shelly!” Nina said.

“Tomorrow is the fourth-grade field trip!”

“We’re going to the aquarium,” Izzie said. “I can’t wait.” She spun around on one foot.

“We went last year when we were in fourth grade,” Jason said. “It was lots of fun.”



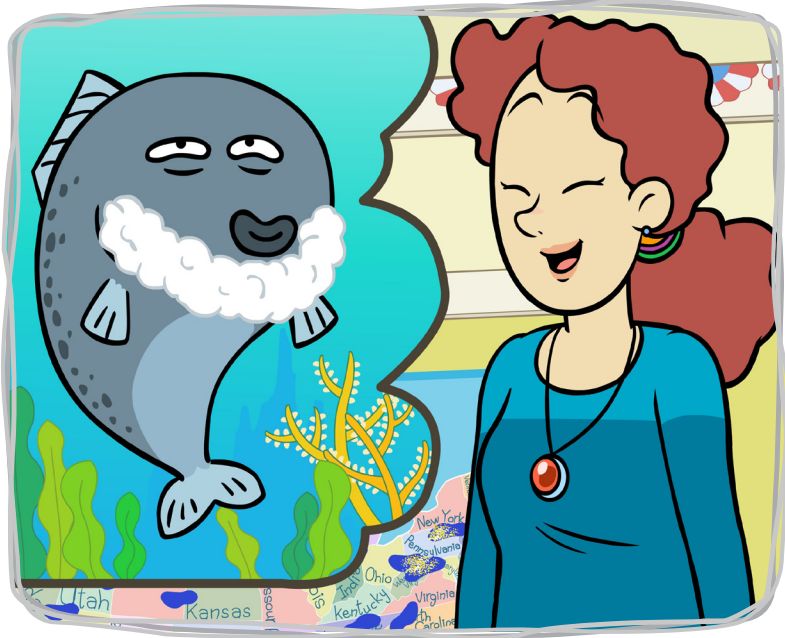
“I can’t wait to see all the frogs!” Izzie said.

Jason shook his head. “They don’t have frogs there, Izzie. Just sea creatures.”

Izzie froze. “What?”

“No frogs,” Jason repeated.

Izzie hung her head. Nina patted her on the back.



“Let’s get started on our activity,” Miss Shelly said. “We’re actually going to make sea creatures today.”

Bobby pointed to a can of shaving cream on the table. “Will they have beards?”

Miss Shelly laughed. “Nope. We’re going to use that shaving cream to make

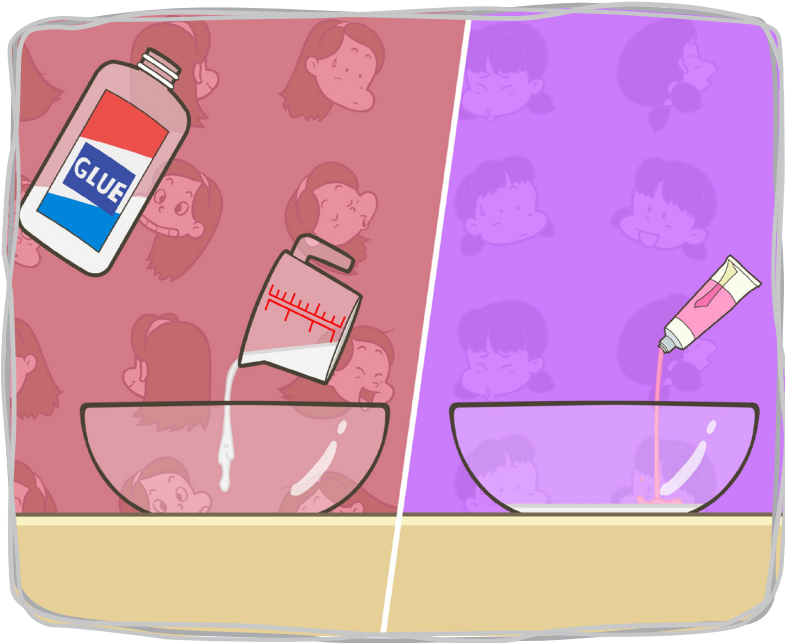


puffy paint.”

“What’s puffy paint?” Ethan asked.

“My mom and I make puffy paint sometimes,” Nina said. “It’s light and foamy. It’s fun to make stuff with puffy paint.”

“The first step is to put 1/4 cup of white glue in a bowl,” Miss Shelly said. “Izzie, can you do that?”

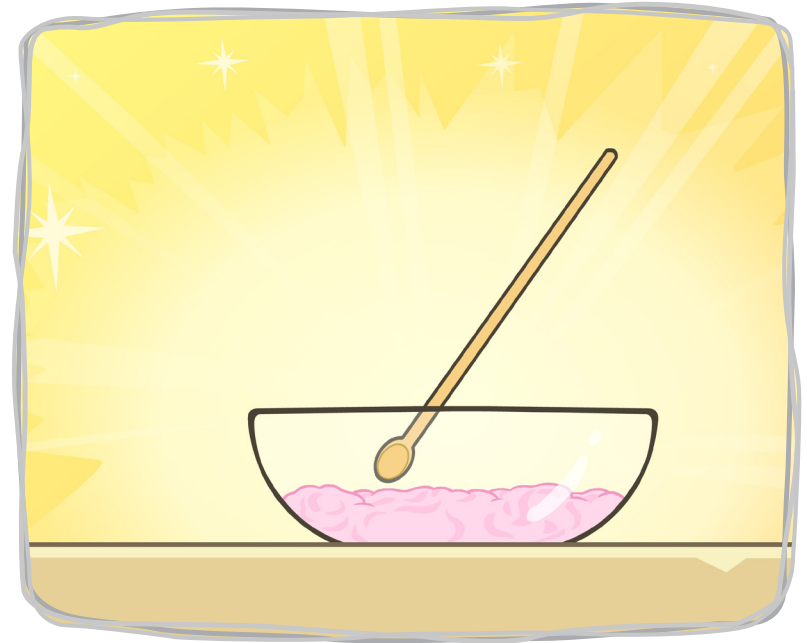


“Okay,” Izzie said.

“Now we squirt in some paint,” Miss Shelly said.

Nina squirted pink paint into the glue. She stirred until the mixture was light pink.

“Do we add the shaving cream now?” Jason asked.



“Yes,” Miss Shelly said. “We need 1/4 cup.”

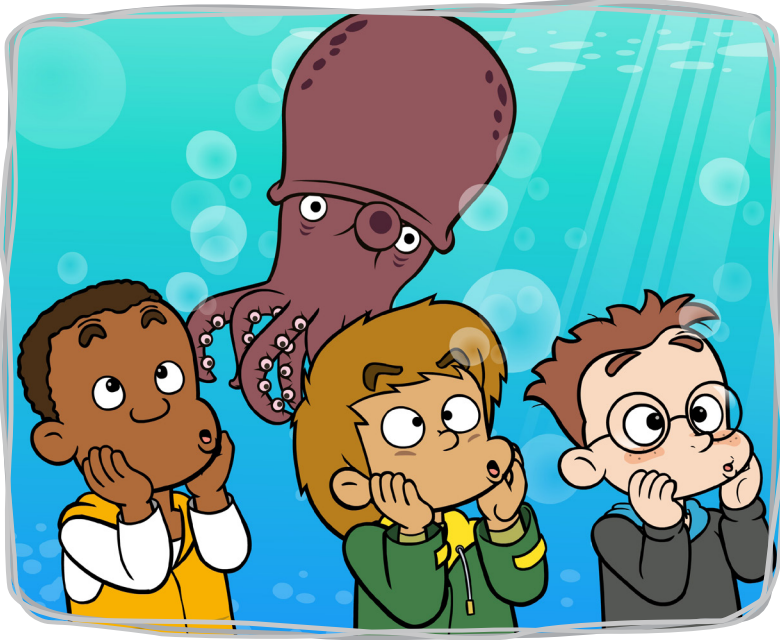
Jason carefully added the shaving cream.

“There! Pink puffy paint!” Nina said.

The kids quickly mixed another bowl of paint.

“What kind of sea creature are we





making?” Ethan asked.

“An octopus.” Miss Shelly handed everyone a sheet of craft foam. “Cut out an octopus body.”

“Should we cut out eight legs too?” Jason asked.

“Not yet.” Miss Shelly gave everyone some bubble wrap. “First we’ll paint. Paint

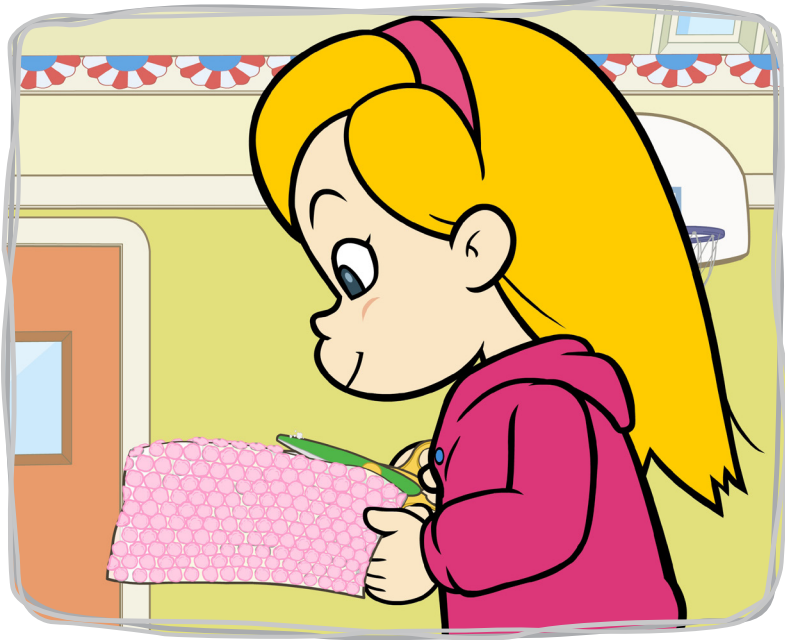


your octopus body and this bubble wrap.”

Izzie started painting. She smiled. Nina was right. The paint felt light and foamy.

“Puffy paint takes a while to dry.” Miss Shelly held up a deck of cards. “We can play Go Fish while we wait.”

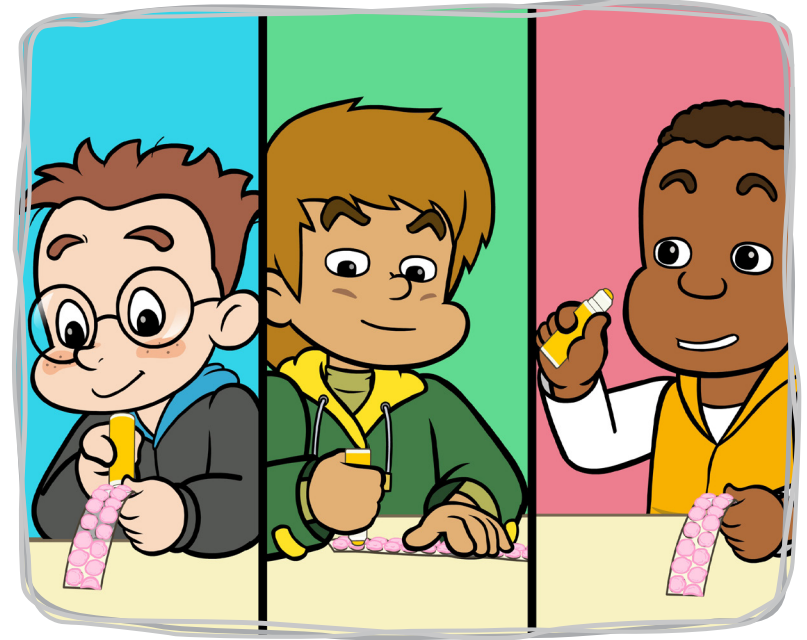
When the paint was dry, Izzie touched hers gently. “Nice and puffy.”



Miss Shelly showed the kids what to do next. “Cut the bubble wrap into eight strips for the octopus’s legs. Then glue the legs onto the back of the body.”

Izzie reached for scissors and started cutting strips. *Pop! Pop!* She giggled as some plastic bubbles popped.

While everyone glued, the fifth-graders



told the fourth-graders about the aquarium.

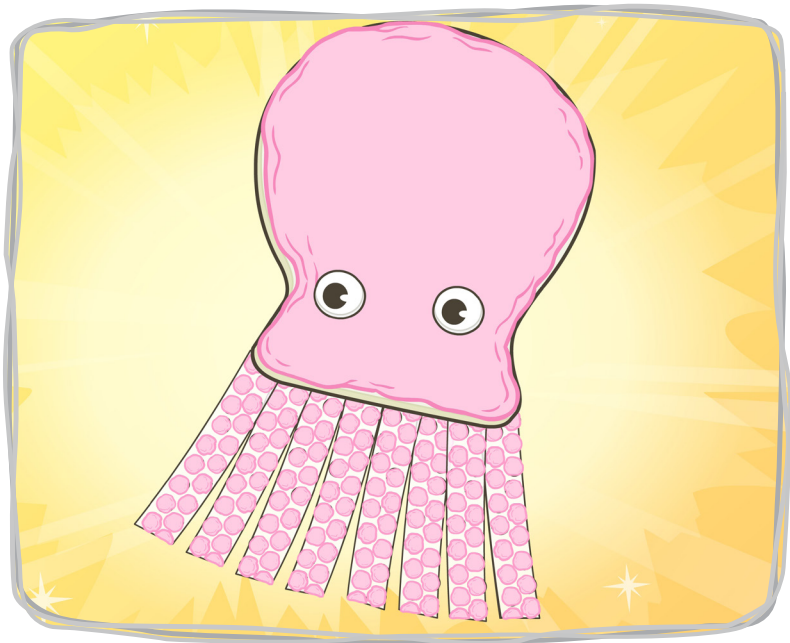
“You can touch stingrays,” Jason said.

“And watch a diver feed sharks,” Ethan said.

“The penguins are cool,” Bobby said.

Izzie squinted at her octopus. “Something is missing, Miss Shelly.”

“Eyes!” Miss Shelly gave everyone



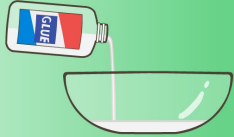
two plastic eyes.

“I saw a real octopus at the aquarium last year,” Jason said. He looked at the girls and sighed. “You two are so lucky. I wish I was going on the field trip!”

Izzie smiled. “We’ll tell you all about it tomorrow.”



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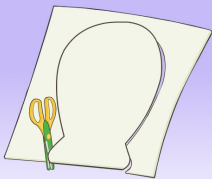
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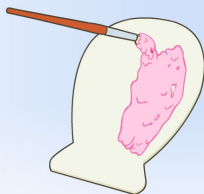
2) Squirt in a few drops of pink paint and stir.



3) Add 1/4 cup shaving cream and stir gently to mix.

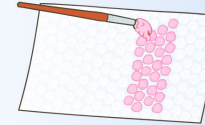


4) Cut an octopus body shape from the craft foam.



5) Paint the octopus shape with a light layer of puffy paint.

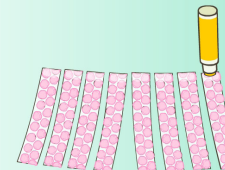
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6) Paint the bubble wrap with a light layer of puffy paint.



7) After the paint has dried, cut the bubble wrap into eight strips for legs.



8) Glue the legs to the back of the octopus.



9) Glue on your sea creature's eyes.